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Subject: **Calais-St. Stephens**
Project No. NCPD/CBI-8483(360)X
Pin No. 8483.36
Amendment No. 5

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following change to the bid documents.

On "Special Provision, Section 502, Structural Concrete, (QC/QA Acceptance Methods)" dated 8/15/06, one page total. ADD an additional line of information to the bottom of the 502 Method Spec. (Class of Concrete)- **A**, (Item Number)- **502.261**, (Description)- **Structural Concrete Rdwy & SW Slabs**, (P value)- **\$500.00 per cubic meter**, (Method)- **A**. Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received.

Question: Will MDOT withhold and remit 15% of the contract price on the value of work done in Canada to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), as required by CRA, as a remittance deposit for corporate income taxes?

Response: According to the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA), if the successful bidder is a company resident in the U.S, then Maine, as the project manager, must withhold 15% tax from each payment made to the Contractor/s that relates to the services provided in Canada.

Maine will then submit an invoice to NBDOT for reimbursement of 50% of the payment made to the Contractor/s less the 15% tax withheld in respect of services provided in Canada.

NBDOT will remit the 15% tax to CRA in respect of income taxes owing by the US resident company. These installment payments will then be credited to the non-resident contractor upon the filing of the contractor's Canadian income tax return.

NBDOT cannot provide financial or corporate advice to any company, but there are ways to reduce or eliminate the rate of withholding as follows:

1. Apply to the CRA for a waiver to reduce the amount of the 15% withholding tax. (Approximate Cost – Accounting expert fees) or



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2. Obtain corporate status in Canada, which would include being a legally registered corporation in the Province of NB, (Approx. cost - \$5,000 Canadian) and eliminate the non-resident withholding requirement.

If the company applies to CRA for a waiver and the amount of withholding is reduced or eliminated, then Maine will be required to adjust the withholdings accordingly and follow the process outlined above.

Question: In reference to Special Provision 100 re: in water work, can the excavation inside the pier cofferdam be completed at any time in conjunction with the pile driving and tremmie sealing operations?

Response: Work inside a closed cofferdam is not considered in-water work.

Question: How much fill will be installed by others between station 6+100 and 6+130. When will it be installed? Please provide an embankment section at station 6+100 and 6+130. Can we use the new roadway for girder delivery?

Response: It is the Bridge Contractor's responsibility to design and construct the access corridor for whatever they wish to use it for. At this time it is unknown exactly when the Approach Work Contract to the bridge and the GSA facility work may start and so the Bridge Contractor should plan accordingly. There will need to be Coordination and cooperation between contractors.

Question: Is the rebar in the deck slab to be epoxy coated?

Response: No the rebar in the deck slab will not be epoxy coated.

Question: Item 502.261 Structural Concrete Roadway & Sidewalk Slab on Bridges is not in the table contained in Special Provision Section 502 Structural Concrete (QC/QA Acceptance Methods). What quality assurance method will be used for item 502.261? What will be the value for pay adjustment (P value)?

Response: See change made earlier in this amendment.

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on October 25, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bickford', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer